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NOT BELIEVED THAT TAXIMEN MURDERED GIRL

Clues to Fayette County Murder Lead Beyond Pair Now Under Arrest

SEARCHING FOR "CHARLIE"

Investigations by authorities into Fayette county's latest murder mystery are said to have indicated that the murder's trail led beyond the taxicab drivers who are alleged to have been responsible for the injuries which caused the death of pretty Alice Katherine Miller, aged 16, in the Brownsville hospital last Monday. Developments seem forthcoming which will cause a sensation in Redstone township, where the alleged murder took place. The finger of suspicion is at present pointed in the direction of a prominent resident of the township, who is said to have been acquainted with the dead girl and who at varios times, it is said, gave her trinkets.

An intimation that the two foreign men were not responsible for the girl's death was revealed at the coroner's inquest at Brownsville Wednesday.

Basing their investigations on the muttered command of the girl to "Charlie" to "leave her alone", county officials have combed the district near the scene of the tragedy for a man by that name, who was acquainted with the girl, and are said to have been rewarded by learning that at least one other man in Redstone township, other than the two taxi drivers now in jail, had speaking acquaintance with the girl.

The mystery which surrounded the affair from the time the girl was found until her death, and which at the present time is as much of a mystery as ever, has caused the case to be the center of interest in Fayette county and residents of that section will await eagerly any forthcoming developments which may throw a ray of light on the tragedy

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COMING EVANGELISTIC SERVICE IS ANNOUNCED

On January 17 prayer meetings and cottage prayer meetings at the First Christian church will begin prior to the evangelistic services starting Sunday, January 21. Rev. E. A. Cole of Knoxville, Pittsburg, will be the evangelist. Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor of the church will lead the chorus choirs and the congregational singing during the meeting.

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PHILIP MURRAY STILL PRESIDENT OF DISTRICT

Tabulation Just Announced Also Makes William Hargest of Monongahela Secretary-Treasurer.

Philip Mrray remains as president of District No. 5, United Mine Workers according to the vote of miners for which the tabulation is announced today. The district gave him 15,288 votes. Robert B. Gibbons was elected vice president, William Hargest of Monongahela secretary-treasurer; John O'Leary of Roscoe, international board member; James Flood, Noblestown, Thomas Hughes, Canonsburg, Fred G. Gullick, Ellsworth, William Hynes, Fayette, Sidney Davis, Amyville, William Teare, Grove City and Peter Haser, Arnold, executive board; Thomas H. Naylor, Webster, John F. Schneider, Smithton auditors; John McWee, Courtney, James Clapperton, Moon Run and Carlisle Walcott, Morgan, tellers.

EQUIPMENT OF MODERN SORT

Electric System With High Voltage to be Used at Diamond Workings

TIPPLE WORK BEING RUSHED

Installation of electrical equipment with a voltage of 830 horsepower is being rushed at the newly acquired Peoples mine of the Diamond Coal and Coke company by the West Penn Power company. The equipment will be of the most modern type and will be superior to the equipment of any mine in the Monongahela valley, with the exception of the Snowdon Coke company's mine at Lynn, which is operated in much the same manner. The interior workings of the mine will be equipped with electricity and the coal wil lbe hauled to the tipple by a 300 horsepower motor.

Reconstruction of the tipple recently damaged by fire is being rushed with all rapidity and it is the intention of the Diamond company to commence operations within 60 days, if possible. A rail and river tipple will be constructed and the output of the mine will be shipped both by river and by rail.

COUNTY SOCIALISTS TO MEET IN MONONGAHELA

D. P.Julrus, county organizer of the Socialist party, has issued a call for the annual general membership meeting of that party to be held in the Eagles' hall, Chess street, Monongahela on Sunday January 7th at 2 p. m., at which all members of the party throughout the county and friends of the movement are urged to be present. Many matters of importance to the party will be acted upon, including the election of officers for the ensuing year, reports on the late campaign and plans for future activities.

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MIDVALE STEEL PAYS $9,000,000 FOR 16,000 ACRES OF COAL ADJOINING MARIANNA PROPERTY

Large Deal Just Closed for Transfer of Valuable Tract of Washington And Westmoreland Land —Purchase From Receivers

One of the most important coal transactions of the year has just been consumated in the purchase of company by the Midvale Steel company at a price of $9,000,000. Sixteen thousand acres of gas coal and coking coal in Washington and Westmoreland counties are involved. The property joins the 5,200 acres of the Marianna coal which the Midvale company purchased about two months ago from the Union Trust company of Pittsburg, the receivers, for $3,500,000.

With the latest purchase the eastern ordance company owns 21,200 acres of coal property in western Pennsylvania and it is understood that it will purchase more in the near future.

The Pittsburg-Westmoreland Coal company has been in the hands of receivers since July 30 1914. D. W. Kuhn, receiver and a big stockholder would not admit that the company had been sold. He said that he and his associates were considering a plan for reorganization. The company is capitalized at $3,000,000. The stock has a par value of $100 a share.

It was said by persons usually well informed that considerable of the Pittsburg-Westmoreland company stock had been secured by the Midvale company at approximately $35 a share. One holder is known to have held out with 750 schares until he got $50 a share. Holders of bonds are reported to have received par and interest.

The Pittsburg-Westmoreland company stock was unlisted, but until the receivership became effective was quite active at times on the curb.

The company was incorporated in 1907 in Pennsylvania, as a consolidation of the Hazel Kirk Gas Coal company and Shoenberger Coal company, the Penn Manor Shaft company and the Pittsburg and Westmoreland Coal company. The company owned 16,000 acres of gas coal and coking coal, valued at $1,000 an acre, in Westmoreland and Washington counties. There are in operation nine large modern mines, well developed and eqipped, capable of producing 3,000,000 tons per year.

The company also owns and operates a large coking plant producing about 300,000 tons of coke a year. The product manufactured is the highest standard Connellsville coke, low in sulphur and phosphorus.

On July 30, 1914, D. W. Kuhn, president of the company and the Fidelity Title and Trust company of Pittsburg, were appointed receivers of the property in order that the company might refund an issue of $900,000 2-year 6 per cent notes, due August 1, 1914. At that time the court appraised the property at $18,667,400. On November 7, 1911 Judge Charles P. Orr in the United States district court, refused the petition of the Girard Tunst company of Philadelphia to join the receivers in the foreclosure of the mortgage securing these $900,000 notes on the grounds that in view of the then existing conditions it would be inequitable to foreclose on the property.

The court however, authorized the receivers to issue $200,000 in receivers' certificates. These certificates were issued and dated August 2, 1915. On January 21 of the same year Judge Orr appointed W. W Keefer and Frank M. Wallace, prominent coal men, as joint receivers with D. W. Kuhn, succeeding the Fidelity Title and Trust company, which resigned.

PROF. DANIEL PRAISED FOR HIS ADJUDICATIONS

Prof. I. T. Daniel, music supervisor in the public schools. has just returned from Utica, N. Y., where he was adjudicator of the Utica eistedfod, one of the most notable musical events of the winter in the eastern states. Prof. Daniel gave universal satisfaction. press reports prove, being complimented on every side for the capable manner in which he handled the difficult work. He adjudicated all prize competitions. On last Sunday afternoon a Welsh sacred recital was given, with Prof. Daniel conducting. This was one of the greatest musical events ever given in the city. There were three thousand voices in the choir, which sang old Welsh hymns in a way that they only could sing them.

Of Prof. Daniel's work, the Utica Herald says: "Another thing that added to the success was the manifest fairness of the adjudications, which was especially marked in the work of

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MRS. BERTOLOTTI DIES AT HER HOME ON FALLOWFIELD

Mrs. Celeste Bertolotti, aged 54 years, died at her home at 1014 Fallowfield avenue at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon. She was born in Italy, but has been living in Charleroi for a number of years. Her husband survives, along with four sons and two daughters. The sons are John Colliffe of Frye's Undertaking establishment, Columbus Colliffe of Charleroi, August and Peter Bertollotti of Burgettstown, Mrs. Anna Roe of McKean avenue and Mrs. Rosie Latimer of North Charleroi. The funeral will be held Monday at 10 o'clock and interment will be in the Melrose cemetery, Bridgeville.

CONCEALED WEAPON CHARGE Is LODGED AGAINST BROWN

Information has been made before Justice of the ePace E. E. Rice against Luther Brown, charging him with carrying concealed weapons. He is accused of carrying a blackjack. The police are making investigations into the attempted holdup of a Crest avenue woman last Monday night and are investigating various stories heard.

GLADYS COBURN IN "THE BATTLE OF LIFE" MONDAY, COYLE THEATRE

PARSONS' FUNERAL IS HELD AT LOCAL CHURCH

Veteran Soldiers Meet Body at Train And Escort it to Church—Rev. E. Duty Conducts Services.

Attended by a large number of friends the funeral services of Benjamin L. Parsons were held this morning at 10:30 o'clock at the First Christian church.

The funeral party arrived at 9:38 o'clock from Ravenna, Ohio, where Mr. Parsons died Thursday. A bodyguard of old soldiers, most of whom were members of the Charleroi veteran guard, met the party as honorary pallbearers. Flags were spread on the casket and the soldiers formed an escort to the church.

Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor of the church preached the funeral sermon. A quartet composed of Miss Ethel Barth, Miss Mabel Orange, Warren Kinder and Prof. I. T. Daniel, sang three numbers with Mrs. Warren Kinder at the organ. The body was taken to Monongahela for interment.

MONEY IS SAVED BY PAROLE LAW

Probation Officer Mitchell Makes Annual Report in Which he Tells Facts

SAVING TO COUNTY $10,000

The report of F. H. Mitchell, adult probation officer of Washington county, for the year ending January 1, 1917, shows some interesting figures and records of the working of the parole law in Washington county and it puts an entirely different phase on this question than is generally held by the public. In fact it shows that this law, instead of being a means of allowing criminals to get out of serving a sentence for their crimes, is the means or doing much good, and of saving the county thousands of dollars.

The report shows that during the past year 188 persons were paroled and that a total of $13,146.17 was collected in fines and costs. All of this would have been lost to the county had the defendants all been sent to jail to serve out their sentences, and the county would had to pay at least $5,000 for their keep. This really makes a saving of $10,000 to the taxpayers of the county through the parole system; and this is an item worth considering.

Then another interesting item is the saving to the community in which the men paroled live. If they had been sent to jail the public would have had to keep their families. A total of 159 men were paroled. The records of the probation officer show that the average daily wages paid to those who are on probation is $2.86 a day. This makes a total of $454.74 paid per day in wages to the 159 men. Thus it is seen that the loss to the families of the defendants if they had been put in jail for the average sentence of four months, would have been about $5,000. Another important thing is that the court has longer supervision over the defendants when they are paroled than would be the case if they were sent to jail, for most of the parole

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CONSTRUCTION OF NEW LINE IS UNDER WAY

Pennsylvania Branch Railroad to be Built From Wheeling to Marianna

WILL COVER ABOUT 70 MILES

Actual construction of the Wheeling Coal railroad, which will be built between Wheeling and Marianna, Washington county, is under way.

Preparations are now being made for changing the course of Wheeling creek and other work is being done. This is being done to avoid the construction of two bridges. A channel will be cut through Leatherwood, almost parallel with the National Pike, the creek turned into this channel. The route of the Wheeling Coal railroad runs parallel with the Baltimore & Ohio from the eastern extremity of Wheeling to Elm Grove.

From tracks of the Wheeling Terminal Railway company near the Wheeling Mold & Foundry plant, great fills have been made and several hundred yards of track placed. At other points along the route work has already been started. Construction of the road is in chareg of A. L. Morgan, superintendent of the Wheeling Terminal Railway company.

The new railroad, virtually an extension of the Wheeling Terminal Railway company, is being built by the Pennsylvania company, the holding company of the Pennsylvania system. Its course will cover approximately 70 miles, reaching to Marianna, Pa., where it will connect with an existing line of the Pennsylvania, thus affording an outlet for coal in the rich Monongahela field. The coal will be shipped to Wheeling district industries.

Right-of-way has been secured over most of the route, it is understood, although at several places along the route property owners are still holding out.

"We may be forced to resort to condemnation proceedings in some cases," said Attorney J. B. Sommerville, counsel for the company, "but wherever possible we are purchasing land for the right-of-way without appeal to the courts."

The route runs parallel with the B. & O. to near Elm Grove, where the B. & O. tracks are crossed, the route leading from there to Majorsville and thence on over the Pennsylvania state line.

The work will be pushed from various points as rapidly as possible, it was said yesterday. The tracks are to be placed above the flood level and no grade crossings established.

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Deed Recorded

December 26, 1916—Harry A. Jones et ux., et al., to O. C. Deter, a tract of 8.18 acres in Fallowfield township; coal reserved; consideration $695.30.

To Hold Congregational Meeting

The annual congregational meeting of the First Christian church will be held in connection with the prayer meeting service Wednesday, January 10 at 7:30 o'clock. Reports of all departments of the church will be made for the year at this service.

J. K. Tener, Pres. S. A. Walton, Vice Pres. R. H. Rush, Cashier.

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LAW A GOOD ONE.

The parole law, which now is a state statute in many of the states, including Pennsylvania, was adopted in a western state first with a view of encouraging men and women convicted of crime to change of life. Now it is found the law is successful not only along the lines of its originally intended purpose but also as a money saving institution.

This is true in Washington county, where the report of F. H. Mitchell, adult probation officer, shows a direct saving of $10,000 from the operation of the law. During the past year 188 persons were paroled, Mr. Mitchell states in his report, and a total of $13,146.17 was collected in fines and costs. All of this would have been lost to the county had the defendants all been sent to jail to serve out their sentences, and the county would have had to pay at least $5,000 for their keep.

Any one likes to feel that he is considered a trustworthy person. Browbeating a prisoner never helps to make a man of him. The parole system, where he is placed on his honor and given his liberty, does. This is the secret of its success and there are very few instances indeed of it violation. Men who have had experience seem to fear more the consequences of violation of the parole law than they do the consequences of many criminal acts. It is because of the healthy respect they have for the law that makes it the success it is.

EATING.

Hygienists gravely advise us to masticate our food well before try ing to swallow it. At. Monessen a man failed to pay attention to the advice and tottered off this mortal coil. The man was in a hurry, as most of us are most of the time, and tried to bolt a hunk of beefsteak about two inches long. It was too much for him and he gulped and gasped himself to death, while fellow boarders looked on, wondering what was the matter.

The foreigner might have been an American from the haste he showed. His was an extreme case, the like of which there are few to record but they furnish Horace Fletcher and other experts opportunity for telling us a few things about ourselves and our habits that we simply won't learn any other way.

WHAT OTHERS THINK

ABOUT PNEUMONIA

Pneumonia annually kills more people in Pittsburg than any other malady. This statement is made in a warning issued by the Department of Public Health of that city in a crusade for its prevention. During 1916 this scourge killed 1,270 people in Pittsburg alone. Many of these deaths could have been prevented if proper precaution had been taken, according to the warning of the health authorities.

"Careless sneezing, coughing or spitting spreads colds, grip and causes pneumonia," it continues.

"Prevent contagion by using your handkerchief when coughing or sneezing.

"Induce others to help make Pittsburg more healthful."

The circular bears the caption, "Ventilation versus pneumonia and colds." It then states that pneumonia kills more people in Pittsburg than any other disease, tells how infectious it is, due principally to bacteria and explains that while pneumonia is more prevalent during cold weather it is not due to the cold.

"It is not the person who lives in the open, but rather the one who shuts himself up in overheated and poorly ventilated rooms who most succumb," reads the report.

The circular urges that, like charity, prevention begins at home. It goes into detail regarding the ventilation of the home, the office and other places where humans gather or remain for any length of time. A temperature of 65 degrees is plently high enough when one becomes accustomed to it and for that reason the report urges a cool and moist atmosphere, not warm, dry air. It is explained that it is not the engineer in the cab of an engine who becomes a prey to pnemonia, but the passenger in the stuffy coaches.

Including a number of "don'ts," the circular closes with the following:

"Keep your window open if you can in your office or factory—it will give you increased earning capacity and lengthen your life. Not Methusalehs ever lived in a bandbox.

"To sum up, then, widely open windows will never cause colds in clean houses and in open windows lies the solution of many problems of ventilation and public health.

"The ordinary house or workshop will never be adequately ventilated until people learn to open their windows widely and understand that fresh, cold wind never gives anyone 'cold,' but on the contrary prevents 'colds!'"

OUTLOOK FOR COAL SALES

The recent sales made by the creditors' committee of J. V. Thompson and by others of coal lands in this district—Washington and Greene counties—are evidently only the beginning of many more important transactions, says the Washington Observer. With coal selling today at from $5 to $6 per ton and with the iron and steel business of the country at its highest level and likely to continue to increase, there will be a correspondingly increased demand for the fuel which underlies this section of Pennsylvania.

The optimism which prevails in every line of industry is reflected in the sale of coal. Industries of all kinds were never so busy as they are today and the prospect of continued business is bright.

There is every reason, therefore, to believe that Washington and Greene counties will within the next twelve months enjoy the greatest prosperity in their history.—Uniontown Herald.

ELECTRIC SPARKS

An English newspaper took over Great Britain, and seems to be running the government about as well as it ever was run.

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Leap year is provided for the purpose of learning the dear things to get off the street cars the right way but they never think of that at all.

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It is hard to meet expenses because we are always meeting them.

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A Chicago man, arrested as insane, thinks he built the first skyscraper. The queer part of the story is that he actually did.

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There was a leak all right, but common folk seem unable to tell whether it was in official circles or in Lawson's imagination.

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Trees.

"How can you tell a dogwood tree?"
We asked old Woodman Snark;
"That's very easy, son," said he:
"I tell it by its bark."

I'd rather tell a dogwood tree
Than a horse-chestnut;—say
No matter what I told him, he
Would answer me, "Neigh, neigh."
—Newark Advocate.

PICKED UP IN PASSING

A new postoffice was established at a small village far out West and the office of postmistress was bestowed upon the widow of a Spanish war veteran.

After a while complaints were made that no mail was sent out from the new office. So an inspector was sent to inquire into the matter.

The postmistress pointed to a big and nearly empty mail bag hanging up in a corner and said:

"Why, I haven't sent it out because the bag isn't anywhere near full yet."

Jone—that is not his name, but it will do—had the misfortune to get in the way of an automobile driven by a lady on Van Ness avenue and was taken to a hospital but his injuries were not serious, so he was immediately removed to the police station, where his assailant was being held. And as soon as Jones got there the lady started in to impress him with the fact that blame for the accident was all his.

"You know, Mr. Jones," she said, "you must have been walking very carelessly. I am a very careful driver. I have been driving a car for seven years."

"You've got nothing on me, ma'am," said Jones, politely. "I've been walking for thirty-four years."—Argonaut.

GINGLES' JINGLES

HER FATE.

How we wish that we were able to come forward and explain in a language you could understand, in which it's made clear and plain, just the reason why a bunch of guys, who seem to us no good, stick around and soak up oxygen, while we all think we could get along as well without them, even would welcome their demise, like to see them crank their wagon for their shanty in the skies; while another bunch of useful, much respected people, go, leave the earth when badly needed on the job down here below. Sad indeed are many pictures, you and I could call to mind, in their—tots who need a mother's leaving little tots behind who will never know on Her that end, all the vacant chair, tots who call in vain for mother—tots who need a mother's care. No, we surely can't explain it, though we try our level best. God must know—we don't pretend to, why she's called to final rest; we sincerely hope she's with them in her future spirit state, for with them she is in heaven, with her babies rests her fate.

Lem H. Jingles

SUNDAY SERVICES

French Presbyterian

Sunday school at 9:30. Morning worship at 10:30. Communion service. Evening worship at 7:30. Subject, "The Praise of the Living." Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30. Everybody welcome, Rev. J. E. Charles, Ph. D. pastor.

Episcopal.

St. Mary's church, Lookout avenue and Sixth street. Services for First Sunday after Epiphany as follows: School and confirmation class 9:45. Holy communion with sermon at 11. Evening prayer 7:30. Altar Guild, Thursday 7:45. Girls Friendly society Saturday 2:30. Rev. John Lyons, rector.

First Christian.

Fallowfield avenue near Sixth street. First Lord's day in the New Year. Bible school at 9:45. Lord's supper and preaching at 10:50. Subject. "A Birthright Bargained Away." Y. P. S. C. E. at 6:30. Subject, "Are You Evading Moral Issues?" Leader, Miss Blanche Kibler. Evening worship at 7:30. Subject. "What Do You Expect Your Church to do For You?" The Junior choir will sing at this service. Wednesday prayer meeting and congregational meeting combined at 7.30. All strangers to our city and those without a church home are cordially invited to the services of our downtown church. This is the peoples' church. Rev. E. N. Duty, pastor.

Free Methodist.

Morning worship at 10:30. Evening at 7:30 in Odd Fellows' hall, Bank of Charleroi building. Preaching by Rev. F. W. Tates. C. Lloyd Page, pastor.

First Presbyterian.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Morning worship at 11. Subject, "The Motive of Service." Junior C. E. at 3 p. m. Senior C. E. at 6:45. Miss McPherson, leader. Evening worship at 7:30. Sermon by the pastor. The week of prayer will be observed by meetings Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday evening. The communion service will be held Sunday, January fourteenth. The women's missionary society will meet in the church Tuesday evening, January 16. A hearty invitation is extended to all. A. J. Whipkey, pastor.

Washington Avenue Presbyterian

Sabbath school at 9:45. Preaching at 11. Sermon, "At Ease in Zion." Jr. C. E. at 2:30. Sr. C. E. at 6:30. Topic, "Are You Evading Moral Issues?" Leader, O. M. Wise. Preaching at 7:30. Sermon, "The Changeless and the Changing." Evangelistic services throughout the week. Everyone welcome. Rev. John R. Burson, pastor.

Methodist Episcopal.

Sunday school at 9:30. Morning service at 10:45. Subject, "Why Should I be a Christian." Epworth league at 6:30. Evening service at 7:30. Subject, "The Judgment." Evangelistic service every night next week except Monday. Everybody cordially invited to this home-like church Rev. C. A. Hartung, minister.

Lutheran.

Sunday school at 9:45. Celebration of the Lord's supper at 11. Junior league at 2. Senior league at 6:45. Vesper services with sermon at 7:30. Holy communion administered at the evening service. The public is cordially invited to all services. C. P. Bastian, pastor.

Baptist.

Bible school at 9:45. Worship and sermon at 11. Communion services. Young people at 6:45. Evening worship at 7:30. A cordial welcome to all the services. W. G. Carl, minister.

CHARLEROI SUFFRAGE WORK BEING BOOMED

Local Women Planning Big Things Ahead When Organization Starts Activity Next Tuesday—Washington County Considered Favorable

Signs points to a successful Woman's Suffrage organization in Charleroi. As the result of personal appeals to prominent and efficient women it is expected that by the time of the regular monthly meeting Tuesday evening next, the seven precinct leaders can be definitely announced.

In anticipation of the suffrage amendment being brought before the people again in 1920, the state is being organized systematically and educational propaganda distributed. The legislature is expected to act on the measure this month and suffrage workers are doing all they can to have the bill carry. Then in 1919 the measure will once more be presented, this being necessary before it can be taken direct to the people.

All suffrage organizations will for the present devote themselves to studying civic conditions and acquainting themselves with knowledge necessary for them to become voting citizens, so that when the time comes they will be better equipped in this respect than many male voters. Also organizations will raise funds for successfully carrying out their plans.

The amendment in 1915 carried Washington county and also the borough of Charleroi, showing that the sentiment in this vicinity is favorable to one of the biggest questions of the day, yet Charleroi women have been lax in taking up the work as befits the second largest town of the county. Washington and Canonsburg have led. A general invitation is being extended to Charleroi women to affiliate themselves with the organization.

The meeting next Tuesday will be at the home of Mrs. Fred Clerihue's, 608 Washington avenue, and to this meeting the committee is urging women to come. Those who desire information of the suffrage work are asked to communicate with members of the committee, Mrs. H. W. Tweed, chairman; Mrs. J. K. Mitchell, vice chairman or Mrs. W. S. Sweeney, secretary.

The Philathea class of the Washington Avenue Presbyterian church will hold a bake sale at Fleming's store, Saturday, December 13. ST&F

WHAT BOY READS IMPORTANT

Youth Should Be Protected From Depraved Associations in Print as Well as in Flesh and Blood.

What a boy reads is as important as anything else about him. You try to protect him from depraved associations of flesh and blood, but pretty often you make little enough effort to protect him from depraved associations in print.

You send him to school in a belief that the stuff he absorbs from printed pages forms his mind; but out of school you may let him absorb stuff from printed pages that is not fit to be in a dog's mind.

Time was when you could tell a wrong book for a boy because it was bound in yellow paper and sold for a dime. Nowadays many wrong books for boys are most respectfully bound in cloth, and they are perfectly moral, in the narrowest sense of that absurd word. They describe how a fourteen-year-old boy, with a discarded set of harness and an old hoopskirt, made a flying machine and sailed around the earth; or with a leaky wash boiler and $2 in cash built a submarine that destroyed the enemy's fleet; how a lad in knee breeches circumvented a gang of desperate criminals and so became president of a railroad at sixteen.

These tales of preposterous juvenile achievement are depraved because they are monstrous lies. They do not stimulate a boy's imagination; they drug it. They do not set his mind usefully at work, but send it off in a weird opium dream. They do not brace or enlarge a boy's mind; they lead it into a vicious, enervating habit of dope-taking. They are a sort of psychological whisky drinking that makes the victim unresponsive to wholesome, natural tonics and begets a flabby craving for the artificial kick.—Saturday Evening Post.

Cracks in Plaster.

When we painted our kitchen, we found a number of cracks in the plastering that had to be filled. A painter told us to use plaster of paris mixed with some of the paint we were using. It does not set as quickly as when mixed with water, and it does better than putty for such work. For mending the cracks in a white ceiling, where the heat had caused the white coating to peel off, we mixed the plaster of paris with turpentine and oil, and were surprised to find how well it covered the unsightly places.—Exchange.

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Report of the condition of The First National Bank at Bentleyville, Pa., in the State of Pennsylvania at the close of business on Dec. 27, 1916.

No. 8196

RESOURCES

1. a	Loans and discounts [except those shown on b]	$136,574.38	
	Total loans		$136,574.38
2.	Overdrafts, unsecured		142.85
3.	U. S. Bonds:		
	a U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation [par value]	$ 25,000.00	
	Total U. S. bonds		25,000.00
6.	Bonds, securities, etc.:		
	c Securities other than U. S. bonds [not including stocks] owned unpledged	5,700.00	
	Total bonds, securities, etc		5,700.00
7.	Stocks, other than Federal Reserve Bank stock		4,950.00
8.	Stock of Federal Reserve Bank [50 percent of subscription]		750.00
9. a	Value of banking house [if unencumbered]	6,500.00	6,500.00
10.	Furniture and fixtures		3,000.00
11.	Real estate owned other than banking house		1,657.65
12. b	Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities		30,662.15
14. a	Outside checks and other cash items	103.37	
	b Fractional currency, nickels and cents	1,753.73	1,857.10
20.	Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank		16,314.05
21.	Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer		1,250 00
	TOTAL		$283,498.18

LIABILITIES

23.	Capital stock paid in		$ 25,000.00
25. a	Undivided profits	4,312.72	
b	Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	3,057.03	1,255.69
28.	Circulating notes outstanding		25,000 00
	Demand deposits:		
33.	Individual deposits subject to check		83,526.49
35.	Certified Checks		10.00
	Total demand deposits, Item 33 and 35	83,536.49	
	Time deposits [payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice]:		
41.	Certificates of deposit		896.00
43.	Other time deposits		98,810.00
	Total of time deposits, Items 41 and 43	98,706.00	
	TOTAL		$ 283,488.18

State of Pennsylvania, County of Washington, ss:

I, S. MARTIN BERG, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

S. MARTIN BERG, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 4th day of January, 1917.

C. K. FRYE,
Notary Public.

My commission expires March 25, 1917.

CORRECT—Attest:
A. N. BOOTH
J. C. FRENCH } Directors.
S. MALAKOFF

ONLY ONE "BEST"

Charleroi People Give Credit Where Credit is Due.

People of Charleroi who suffer with weak kidneys and bad backs want a kidney remedy that can be depended upon. Doan's Kidney Pills is a medicine for the kidneys only and one that is backed by willing testimony of Charleroi people. Here's a case:

Mrs. Fred Jackson, 207 Prospect Avenue, Charleroi, says: "I was troubled by a constant backache. If I did a little extra work the pain in my back was intense. I didn't rest well at night and got up in the morning lame and stiff. If I stopped, sharp pains caught me and I could hardly straighten up. I also had rheumatic pains in my back and arms. I couldn't do any sweeping. Dizzy spells and hot flashes bothered me terribly. As Doan's Kidney Pills had been used in he family, I got a box at Piper Bros., Drug Store and began taking them. One box practically cured me."

Price 50c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Jackson had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y.

CHICHESTER S PILLS
THE DIAMOND BRAND.
Ladies! Ask your Druggist for Chi-ches-ter's Diamond Brand Pills in Red and Gold metallic boxes, sealed with Blue Ribbon. Take no other. Buy of your Druggist. Ask for CHI-CHES-TER'S DIAMOND BRAND PILLS, for 25 years known as Best, Safest, Always Reliable
SOLD BY DRUGGISTS EVERYWHERE

Will Lessen Paper Shortage.

The scarcity of white paper material is causing the most rigid investigation into the use of spruce wood for purposes for which some other material might serve. The United States forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis., has lately been experimenting in using cottonwood as a substiture for spruce, poplar and ash for making butter boxes. Cottonwood, when green, gives off an odor which, it was believed, would be absorbed by the butter. Tests have been made of boxes constructed of thoroughly seasoned cottonwood. Butter packed in them was set away for a week and at the end of that time professional butter graders decided that the butter contained no trace of foreign flavor. The use of cottonwood for food packing will release millions of pounds of wood for paper making each year.

WHAT YOU WANT AND WHERE TO GET IT

GEORGE D. CLARK
Fancy Groceries
Fifth Street and Washington Ave.

The world known line of
W. H. DOUGLAS SHOES
is to be found at
RIVA'S STORE
Shoes to fit feet and pocket-books

Prompt attention given Collections
Automobile, Motorcycle licenses
Both Phones
PAUL R. NUTT
Justice of the Peace
435 McKean Ave., Charleroi, Pa.

BEWARE OF sudden colds. Take—
HILL'S CASCARA QUININE BROMIDE
The old family remedy—in tablet form—safe, sure, easy to take. No opiates—no unpleasant after effects. Cures colds in 24 hours—Grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. Get the genuine box with Red Top and Mr. Hill's picture on it—25 cents.
At Any Drug Store

FOR SALE

6 room house, McKean Ave....$3600
10 room, double house, 6th St...$2600
16 room house. Crest Ave.....$3600
8 room house, McKean Ave....$2100
4 room house, Oakland Ave...$1900
7 rooms and bath Washington Ave. $2500

I P. HEPLER,
411 Fallowfield Ave.,
Charleroi. Pa

Advertising is the best way to rebuild your business

TODAY WE ANNOUNCE TO THE WOMEN OF CHARLEROI AND VICINITY

The Greatest Sale of Women' Wear Ever Held

At Berryman's

Here Are The Reductions on Womens, Misses Quality Suits

$12.50, $15 and $18.50-values $9.75

$15, $18 and $20 values $12.50

including some large sizes 44, 46 and 48

$22.50 and $25.00 values $16.50

$28.50. $30, and $32.50 values $22.50

and many of our very finest Suits made by the best makers of the very finest materials including all our $35, $40 and $45 Suits at similar reductions.

Ladies Blanket Bath Robes

In a great variety of patterns to be offered at 20 per cent off

Millinery--Half Price

Here is an event that should appeal to every woman, all millinery is on sale at just half former prices.

There are scores of new hats in styles of the present season that are suitable for wear up until Easter season.

Sweeping Reductions on Suits Dresses and Furs

There have been sales and sales. Without "Bragging" we can say that no Charleroi store ever offered better values than we have. But we also feel that this sale of Women's wear outdoes any other sale of the kind we ever heid. Not only is there a greater variety of articles on sale but reductions are greater than have before been offered. Considering the recent sharp advances in prices on nearly all of the articles on sale the low prices we offer are truly remarkable.

Included in this sale are womens and misses suits, coats, raincoats, skirts, waists, dresses, furs and knitted scarf sets. Reduction in many instances equal almost one half. We have not space in this ad to tell about all of them, but if you wish to save money you had better come at once and get first choice.

Scarf and Cap Sets

One special lot clearance sale price only 29c. 50c values 39c; $1.00 values 79c.; $2.00 values only $1.67.

An Important Event In The Mens Department

Our semi-annual sale of men's and boys suits and overcoats. This your best chance to get a new suit or overcoat at January Clearance prices.

Mens Suits and Overcoats

$10.00 Suits and Overcoats, $6.75.

$12.00 Suits and Overcoats, $8.75.

$15.00 Suits and Overcoats, $10.75.

$18.00 Suits and Overcoats, $13.75.

$20.00 Suits and Overcoats, $14.50.

$22.00 Suits and Overcoats, $16.50.

Boys Suits and Overcoats

$3.00 Suits and Overcoats. $2.25.

$4.00 Suits and Overcoats, $3.00.

$5.00 Suits and Overcoats, $3.75.

$6.00 Suits and Overcoats, $4.25.

$7.00 Suits and Overcoats. $5.25.

$8.00 Suits and Overcoats. $5.75.

We also have many other articles in this department at reduced prices. It will pay you to buy what you need while the stock is at its best and you can get first choice at clearance prices.

J. W. BERRYMAN & Son

CHARLEROI'S LIVE STORE

HIGH SCHOOL TEAM DROPS FIRST GAME TO CANONSBURG FIVE

The Charleroi high school basketball team was defeated by Canonsburg on the Canonsburg floor Friday night, score 42 to 31, but the defeat was not accomplished without the utmost dificulty by the Guntown lads who have been rehearsing diligently for the champion Charlerois.

That the game was virtually the first one for the Monongahela valley tossers and that they had scarcely more than had an opportunity to begin practice made some difference, but in the second half after they got their second wind, you never would have known it. Charleroi bested them on their own floor that half.

The first half went to Canonsburg easily. They had a man named Brown who was rather selfish about things, insisting on doing all the tossing. He tossed them from the center of the floor and most every place else, until Charleroi discovered his scheme, and then all was off. He was the Canonsburg star. The first half ended 25 to 13. In the second the points were 18 for Charleroi to 17 of Canonsburg.

The Charleroi team showed splendid form. Hill and Eagye started off at forward, Fiedler at center and Stahlman and Manonat guards. Stahlman and Fiedler were the only two old men and they did all the scoring. Still other men got a chance to show their mettle and with a little more experience will be just as good as any t he school ever turned out. Riva took Hill's place in the second half and Lowstuter Manon's job at guard. Lineup:

Charleroi—31		Canonsburg—42
Hill	F	Brown
Eagye	F	Campbell
Fiedler	C	Grier
Stahlman	G	Eulow
Manon	G	Luke

Substitutions—Manon for Hill. Lowstuter for Manon. Field goals—Fiedler 7, Stahlman 4, Brown 12, Campbell 3, Luke 3. Goals from fouls—Fiedler 9 of 15, Brown 6 of 12. Referee—Hanson.

PERSONALS

Mrs. R. C. Mountser and daughter Virginia of Lincoln avenue spent Saturday in Pittsburg.

The Musical Auxiliary to the Athene Club will be entertained at the Hotel Walfred, Monday evening with Misses Mabel Gaut and Elizabeth Steinbaugh as hostesses.

Mrs. C. B. Peregrine of Washington avenue spent Saturday in Pittsburg.

Mrs. Robert Lowe of Donora is spending the week with her mother Mrs. William Bronce.

Miss Janet Clutter has gone to Washington to visit over Sunday with her sister Mrs. R. M. Wilson.

Mrs. J. Clive Enos of Crest avenue was a caller in Pittsburg Saturday.

Miss Lenore Miksch has gone to West Elizabeth to spend the week-end with Miss Sarah Reed.

Rev. A. J. Whipkey went to Bentleyville Friday evening to preach in the First Presbyterian church, preparatory to the communion service which will be held tomorrow. Rev. Dr. Craig is the pastor.

MONEY IS SAVED

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periods are for one year. When a defendant is put in jail for an offense that makes him eligible for a parole, the average sentence is about four months. and afrer he has served his sentence in jail, without any incentive while there to lead a better life, he is turned out to shuffle for himself. Under the parole system, instead of being in jail he is under the supervision of the court and has the aid of the probation officer for a year or more. He is helped in securing work and habits of industry and sobriety are cultivated, and, if he has kept the conditions, receives an honorable discharge from the court at the end of the parole.

Don't forget the Maccabee euchre, Jan. 11. 170-t4

PROF. DANIEL PRAISED

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Prof. I. T. Daniel in his work on music. Many persons in the audience appreciated that this was by far the most difficult position of all to fill and many of his friends extended him hearty congratulations and commendations."

The Utica Daily Press said: "Prof. Daniel gave excellent satisfaction as adjudicator of music, one of the most difficult positions of the eisteddfod. His adjudications were instructive and illuminating and he held the attention of the audience even closer than did the competitors themselves. He evidenced himself a master of interpretation and detected the slightest disharmony, while always recognizing beauty and skill. All his decisions were eminently fair and when the occasion required criticism it was given with tact and consideration."

TRY A CLASSIFIED WANT AD.

GRUNTING RHEUMATICS GET WISE

They Refuse to be Fooled.

They are all sticking to "Neutrone Prescription 99." It sure is a wonder, there never was anything like "Neutrone Prescription 99" and there isn't anything like it now. It is the Rheumatic Remedy on a new plan. Use it on any case of rheumatism and you can almost immediately feel the results. it never fails, it is the one big surprise that you have coming to you. Get busy, get a bottle today, say good-bye trouble feel the pain leave those sore aching muscles and those poor inflamed joints go down like magic, it's great, 50c and $1.00.

W. F. Hennings and leading druggists everywhere.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED—Traveler for 1917. Experience unnecessary. Old established line. Salary, commission and expense allowance to right man. J. E. McBrady, Chicago. 171-4tp

WANTED—Agents. Operator wanted for vending machines and to sell other confections; must be responsible and able to make small investment; part time. Chic Mint Gum Co., Wilmington, Del. 171-t1-p

WANTED—Seamstress and saleslady. Permanent position. People's Store, 536 Falowfield. 168-tf

WANTED—Housekeeper. Inquire at 847 Mail office. 168-t4-p

FOR RENT—Small store room. Cheap rent. Good location. Apply 426 Fallowfield avenue. 167-tf.

FOR RENT—Store room with cellar. Corner Eighth and Washington avenue. Rent $18 per month. Inquire A. L. Dubinsky, 413 Fallowfield. 166-t6p

eodtf

WANTED—Boy who wishes to learn printing trade and make himself useful around printing office. Apply Carl M. Wertz, Charleroi, Pa. eodtf

WANTED—Girl who has had experience at feeding job press. Apply Carl M. Wertz, Charleroi.

FOR SALE—Three white iron single beds, complete with matresses and springs. Apply M. Wikstrom, Lockview. 171-t3

Learn to Telegraph.

Lessons in telegraphy by experienced operator. Mrs. Anna Dickinson will again give lesons in telegraphy. Hours from 2 to 5 and from 6 to 9 p. m. Inquire 1111 Oakland avenue. 171-t2p

Try our Oak Grove Butterine. Doerzbacher's, 414 Fallowfield avenue. 170-t3

BELL-ANS

Absolutely Removes Indigestion. One package proves it. 25c at all druggists.

MOTHER OF ALFRED P. STEWART DIES AT HOME IN PITTSBURG

Mrs. Eliza Townley Stewart Last of Well Known Family—Funeral Will be Held Sunday.

Mrs. Eliza Townley Stewart, aged 78 years, died Friday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Isaac F. Bailey, East End, Pittsburg. She is last of the pioneer family of the name of Townley. her father being James Townley, a leading merchant of Pittsburg 60 years ago. In her earlier life Mrs. Stewart was a musician of note, being an organist and pianist, holding the position of organist at the Christ Episcopal church of the Northside for many years. One son, Alfred P. Stewart, formerly of Charleroi, now of Pittsburg and one grandchild, H. L. Bailey, survive. The funeral will be held Sunday at 3 o'clock at the home of her daughter, 230 South Euclid avenue. Interment Monday will be private.

DROPS HEAD FIRST TO PILE OF BRICKS; SERIOUSLY HURT

Ralph Ullom of Bentleyville is in the Charleroi-Monessen hospital suffering from severe injuries sustained in a fall from a fire escape at California. He dropped 14 feet to a pile of bricks, and sustained lacerations about the head and face.

Policemen Extinguish Fire

Policeman James Murphy and Charlie Peters discovered a small blaze in the rear of the Square eDal Restaurant on McKean avenue this morning about 4:30. They broke in and extinguished the flames.

DIES FROM INJURIES SUSTAINED IN A FALL

Anna Bevier, aged 83, of Fayette City, died in the Presbyterian Hospital Thursday night from injuries sustained December 11, when she fell at her home.

George Knows.

"Don't argue with your wife." advises Luke McLuke. This is real wisdom, Luke and experience succeeded in introducing it into our understanding by the time the rice had been brushed from our clothes by the Pullman porter on the outward trip. —Houston Post.

ANNUAL CLEARANCE SALE OF READY MADE SUITS AND OVERCOATS CONTINUED SIX MORE DAYS

SALE LASTS UNTIL JANUARY 13, 1917

CHOICE OF

Any Suit or Overcoat $13.50

READY MADE

Values $15, $16.50, $18, $20, $22.50 and $25

R. O. VETTER

415 Fallowfield Avenue, Charleroi, Pa.

LIKED "BIBLE GUY"

MAN WHO CARRIED THE WORD POPULAR WITH SOLDIERS.

Boys in Blue Stationed Along the Rio Grande Unanimously of Opinion That Visitor Was Strictly All Right.

It was pretty close to taps when a small car puffed up to the little border station on the Rio Grande, satisfied the sentry and came inside the earthworks fortification. Its driver, a tall, ruddy cheeked young man, who looked as though he might be fresh out of college, brought the mail—he'd succeeded in crossing a swollen creek in his car when the Mexican mail man didn't care to try it, and he brought also a carload of Bibles.

The soldiers in the border station called him "the Bible guy," and the opinion was expressed more than once that "the Bible guy was all right." There are a number of him on the Mexican border. They are representatives of the American Bible society and their business is giving away Bibles and Testaments to the soldiers who are doing border patrol duty. This particular one had come east from El Paso, a matter of 450 miles, and did not expect to stop until he reached the Gulf. He found a considerable demand for his little olive-drab-bound Testaments and Bibles, as well as real friendliness for himself.

He was a modest young man, but he admitted that a good many interesting things happened to a fellow who carried the Word along the border. Sometimes one miscalculated or found the roads worse than he expected and had to camp out overnight—he carried a few provisions and a skillet always to be prepared for that emergency. And of course, one did have to know how to pull an automobile out of a mudhole by one-man power and quite a lot more outdoor things.

"Do the Mexicans ever bother you?" someone asked him.

The Bible guy laughed as though that were the best joke in the world.

"No, indeed," he said. "Why should they bother me? Besides, you know, I'm prepared for Mexicans as well as soldiers. I carry copies of the Bible in Spanish and find a lot of people who are glad to get them. And now—if you'll excuse me—I've got a lot to do to this car."

Whereupon the Bible guy, clad in brown overalls, disappeared under the mud-crusted machine. It shows how good a Christian he really is that in the half-hour he stayed there nobody heard him swear.—Kansas City Star

Dying Villages.

It is the American village that most betrays the impulse of our civilization—a civilization that perpetually overreaches itself only to be obliged to surrender again and again to nature everything it has gained. How many thousands of villages, frost bitten, palsied, full of the morbid bloodless death-in-life—villages that have lost, if they ever possessed, the secret of self-perpetuation, lie scattered across the continent! Even in California I used to find them on long cross-country walks, villages often enough not half a century old, but in a state of essential decay. Communities that have come into being on the flood tide of an enterprise too rapidly worked out, they all signify some lost cause of a material kind that has left high and dry—like the neutral areas in an old painting where the colors, incompletely mixed and of perishable quality, have evaporated with time.—Van Wyck Brooks, in Seven Arts.

Map Has Colored Roads.

South Carolina is one of the states which have marked the poles and signboards along the main roads by colored bands indicating the various routes of which the roads form parts. There are nine of these through routes in all, crossing the state in every direction. In order to make it as easy as possible for the traveler to follow any of them, the state commissioner of agriculture, commerce and industries has issued a map of South Carolina in which the routes are indicated by the same colors used in the wayside marking. This is carrying the idea of marking roads of maximum convenience further than has been done by many other states, and is particularly interesting because South Carolina has no state highway department.

Bicycle Balancer.

An apparatus has been invented by Eugene Tourtier of Paris, France, —which gives bicycles, motorcycles and every other similar vehicle a vertical equilibrium regardless of whether or not the road is level. It is merely necessary to support the machine in an upright position by operating a lever attached to the handlebar, according to the Popular Science Monthly.

The lever can be operated while the bicycle is moving, making it possible for a rider to remain in his seat as the wheel comes to a stop and to start again without dismounting. The steel rod supports are strong enough to sustain a combined weight of 800 pounds. Bicycles fitted with the balancer have been used by the Swiss police for some time.

Good Reason Why.

This country has nearly three times as many telephones as Europe, but we need them. We're not too mad to talk to one another in this country.—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

FIRST PRINCIPLES OF SAVING

Men Must Look to the Future If There Is to Be Any Progress Made by the World.

Socialists claim that the world would be better off if every man received and consumed all that he produced so that nobody could accumulate wealth or become more prosperous than his neighbor. If all men were equally strong, intelligent, honest and industrious, such a state might be possible, but the superman must come first.

If a small group of men living by themselves save nothing and do no work to improve their future, they will not progress. They would have to build and otherwise create real wealth for future use, or they would remain barbarians. The aborigines of America, Australia and most of Africa lived from hand to mouth for ages. American Indians were practical socialists, and they made no progress, though they were physically strong and intellectually bright. They remained barbarians because they gave no thought to the future.

If a few men, beginning with nothing more than means of bare sustenance, put aside every year tokens of value, such as gold, acceptable to themselves, or build houses, make tools, cloth and other things of value that can be kept for future use they will improve their condition in life and grow rich in proportion to their industry and thrift. The accumulation of gold or other money is a secondary matter. Real wealth can be accumulated in other ways, but money is a convenience that standardizes values and has become indispensable to our form of civilization.

When wealth has been accumulated the community is benefited by its existence. As it grows, roads can be built, pure water can be brought into the towns, etc. Such progress is impossible if there is no store of wealth from which to draw to pay or sustain the men who do the work before it becomes productive. It may be said that other members of the community could give part of the wealth they produce while public works are being constructed. That is true, but it would be the exact accumulation of wealth to which reference is made, and its outward and visible sign would be the roads and the waterworks. By giving part of their earnings or products for such a purpose they put aside something of value for future use, in this case roads and a water system.

Someone has to save if any progress is to be made, and the more that save the faster will be the rate of progress and the greater the prosperity of the community. What the masses lack is correct understanding of their common interest.—New York Commercial.

Never Knows What He Wants.

The nuisance for the man who has acquired great financial resources usually is that he doesn't know what he wants. Possessing the resources and feeling the normal necessity to have recourse to them, he looks about for something to want, and he selects the most costly thing. The acquisition of this most costly thing always involves, in practice, the separation of the rich man from society. Thus, he will acquire a large estate, or several large estates, and cut himself off from the world by gates, doors, miles of drive, lodge keepers, menials, and secretaries. Or he will acquire a 2,000-ton yacht and cross the Atlantic privately, though less quickly, less comfortably, and even less privately than on a great liner. Or he will keep a private orchestra, instead of being seen at concerts. All which, though magnificent, is antisocial and silly, and is secretly felt to be so by the rich man when he happens to wake up in the middle of the night and can't go to sleep again.—Woman's Home Companion.

Generous Man!

A Scotch comedian whose frugality is as notorious as he himself is famous, had an engagement in Glasgow some years ago, and as he had a friend who could put him up for the week, no hotel was going to get free advertising through his residence within its walls.

His host had just become the proud possessor of a son and heir, but his pride in the kid did not prevent him from giving the star all the attention the most exacting guest could expect.

The Saturday night brought a taxi to the door, and while the host was carrying down the luggage the comedian, after bidding his hostess goodby, pulled a handful of silver out of his pocket and said: "Do ye ken, Mrs. Whitewood, if I had a copper I wad leave it for the bairn!"—Saturday Evening Post.

Prisoners Married by Proxy.

Four French prisoners of war in Germany, now in the camp at Stendal, were married recently to their respective fiancees in France. The arrangements were completed through the Spanish embassy in Berlin. Exactly at the time at which the wedding ceremony, with the brides absent, was performing performed in the prisoners' camp at Stendal, another ceremony, with the bridegrooms absent, was performed in France.

Worse Domestic Ones.

"I suppose Binks is now experiencing some of the worst horrors of war."

"Hardly. He enlisted to get away from them."

In the Restaurant.

"That man yonder is from a zoo."

"How do you know?"

"I heard him order a pony of brandy, a pousse-cafe and some hot dogs."

SURELY AN UNUSUAL WOMAN

In Spite of Tempting Window Displays, She Had Spent Less Money Than She Had Intended.

She didn't look different from the common run of womankind—just a plump, comfortable, neat kind of woman, with pleasant face and big, dark eyes—and perhaps I should never have remembered sitting opposite her if it had not been for the remark she made to her companion. The station was crowded with tired-looking women, who, judging by the hat boxes and bundles of all sizes, had been doing their shopping.

I had been going over in my mind the things I had purchased that I could very well have done without, and lamenting as usual that the old proverb, "a fool and his money are soon parted," is just as true today as in the long ago time when the wise man said it.

This woman took up her handbag, opened it, took out her purse and counted its contents, with a little worried line coming between her eyebrows, and I felt so sorry for her, for evidently she was having the same difficulty that I always experience—trying to decide what in the world becomes of a bill after it is broken. But bless you! that woman looked up at her companion and said audibly: "I haven't spent near as much money as I aimed to spend."

Gracious me! How I'd like to try the feel of such an experience as that after a whole day in the city. I knew right then that she was no ordinary woman. Every shop in that city had decorated the windows for a temptation or a dare to every woman who paused to gaze a moment.

There were lovely suits, filmy lacy waists, exquisite ribbons and collars and gloves. And the hats! Maybe she didn't see them. And the new books and music and china! Her eyes looked perfectly good—and I just can't account for it. I'll probably never see her again, and I do wish I had plucked up the courage to take her to one side and ask in a confidential whisper: "How ever did you do it?"—Indianapolis News.

Miner's Nystagmus.

Among the occupational diseases which have been the object of slight attention in this country may be included miner's nystagmus. No thorough investigation has been made to disclose it, so that, though it is known to exist, no definite information is available as to the extent to which the industry is affected by it.

A bulletin has been issued, however, by the United States bureau of mines concerning European experience with this disease, particularly that of Germany and Great Britain, where it is so common as to be recognized as among the occupational diseases for which compensation is paid.

Two views, it appears, are advanced as to the cause of miner's nystagmus. "One attributes it to eye strain due to working in a badly-lighted space with black, light-absorbing surface; the other to strain of the extrinsic muscles of the eye, especially of the elevator muscles, due to the position of the miner when at work at the coal face or when examining the roof of the workings to detect gas or threatening falls."

Shaw Didn't Like Him.

"Many years ago in a house in Ashley Gardens," writes G. Bernard Shaw in the New Witness, "I was walking along a corridor with other guests at a musical evening when I saw coming toward me a man who produced an extraordinarily disagreeable impression on me, a tall young man in evening dress, with a blond beard and, as it seemed to me, a hateful expression.

"He was coming straight at me. I moved aside to avoid him, and he moved too, apparently to get into my way again. An impulse of rage at this insult was checked just in time by the discovery that instead of walking along a corridor I was crossing a square landing and that the detestable apparition who had chilled my very soul with his abominable aspect was a reflection of myself in the wall of mirror which the tenant of the Ashley Gardens flat had put up to give his cramped dwelling an appearance of spacious magnificence."

Improved Portable Lamp.

A new form of portable lamp, the light from which is adjustable, is being brought out in Germany, according to the London Electrician. A small spiral resistance in series with the lamp and switch is mounted above the battery. The resistance can be readily varied by the motion of a small knob at the side of the case, the brightness of the lamp being thus altered within the limits of maximum intensity and a dull, red glow. This enables current to be economized when only a small amount of light is needed, prolonging the life of the lamp and battery. The resistance is also useful in preventing the tendency to overrun the lamp unduly when a new battery is substituted for the old one.

A Voice from the Dead.

"For those who despair," is the touching heading appearing in Le Figaro of Paris, over a short item of news to the following effect: A French soldier from whom not a word had been heard by his relatives from September 3, 1914, has written at last from a German prison camp near Paderborn, Germany, announcing that he is well. Until now, he states, it had been impossible for him to communicate with home, but "the situation has changed." "I am enduring my captivity under good conditions," he adds.

EAT INSECT PESTS

BIRDS ARE REAL FRIENDS OF THE AGRICULTURIST.

Investigations Have Proved Beyond All Doubt That Feathered Creatures Take High Place in Ranks of Farmers' Helpers.

There seems never to have been a time when Americans as a people were giving so much thought to birds as now. The sentimental virtues of birds and their economic uses are being written of frequently and extensively by professional and amateur biologists and ornithologists, and even a vast number of bird observers of perhaps limited professional or technical attainments in this department of science are writing and talking at length in behalf of the birds.

The discussion of the economic values of birds is one of the questions of serious importance to the whole country. It has been pointed out by students of this subject that a tree swallow's stomach recently examined contained 40 chinchbugs and fragments of many others, besides ten other species of insects. The stomach of a bank swallow showed that it contained 68 cotton boll weevils, one of the very dangerous and destructive insect pests of the United States. Thirty-five cliff swallows had eaten an average of 18 boll weevils each. Two stomachs of pine siskins from California contained 19 black olive scales and 300 plant lice. The stomach of a killdeer taken in Texas contained more than 300 larvae. A flicker's stomach held 28 big grubs. A night hawk's stomach contained 34 May beetles, the adult form of the white grub. A New York night hawk had eaten 24 clover-leaf weevils and 357 ants, and another night hawk, 340 grasshoppers, 52 bugs, three beetles, two wasps and a spider. A big-tailed grackle taken in Texas had eaten in one meal about 100 cotton boll weevils, besides other insects. A ring-neck pheasant, a bird which the state of New York is taking great interest in propagating, showed upon examination of the crop that it contained 8,000 seeds of chickenweed and a dandelion head. More than 72,000 seeds have been found in a single duck's stomach taken in Louisiana.

The investigations by the United States biological survey and the biological and agricultural bureaus of the various states leave no room for doubt that birds play an important relation to agricultural interests, though there often seems a tendency to dwell on the harm that even a much-despised English sparrow has its part to perform in protecting the agricultural interests of the United States, and the bureau of the biological survey has given a great deal of attention to this much-abused bird. It has collected them from all parts of the United States and made an examination of 4,000 stomachs, the results showing that during the colder half of the year the food of these birds consists almost entirely of seeds of weeds.

It has been estimated by entomologists that the annual loss caused in the United States by insects is $700,000,000 and that were it not for birds the loss would be much greater. Careful students have said that without the aid of our feathered friends successful agriculture would be impossible. The amount of weed seed disposed of by birds, in their depleted numbers, is impressive, and everybody knows that the problem of weed destruction is very important to agricultural interests.—Washington Star.

New Menace.

An oldtime son of the Fatherland was reading the evening news after the day's work was ended. Glancing over the various headlines, his eyes fell on one which threatened to call for the services of a Sherlock Holmes or a Philo Gubb.

He read and reread, muttering the puzzling words over and over to himself. He wiped his glasses, turned up the light and looked again. But the words read exactly the same.

Some terrible thing had fallen on the front of a street car at Niagara Falls and killed a motorman. The old German's son just then stepped into the room, and was amazed to hear his father say "Well, I'll be hanged—Ic-kick-Ic-kick-kel. What in the —— is an ic-kick-kel?"

The son took the paper and read that a large icicle, breaking from the gorge, had fallen on the passing car and had killed the motorman.

Plan Monument on Mountain.

The General-Anzeiger of Breslau reports that a gigantic war monument to commemorate fallen Silesian soldiers is to be erected in the heart of the province of the Angels mountain of the Zobten range. This mountain, which is about 3,000 feet high, is a prominent object, and is seen from all parts of the Silesian lowlands. The intention is to cut into terraces about 800 feet of the upper part of the mountain, and to give this portion a regular conical form. On the summit of the mountain, and raised on a mighty base of rock, a colossal building surmounted by a cupola is to be erected. At the four corners of the building on the roof fire will flame out all night long to be visible from all parts of Silesia.

Desperation.

"Is dis high cost of livin' worryin' you?" asked Meandering Mike.

"It's drivin' me desperate," replied Plodding Pete. "I'm almost tempted to go to work."

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